

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please approve the changes to FIG. 10, deleting encircled numbers 1-6 appearing within the outline of metal blank 20A. These features are introduced on page 12 of the specification as originally filed. A copy of FIG. 10 is enclosed showing encircled numbers 1-6 deleted. Please approve the changes to FIGS. 14 and 15, adding the designation "PRIOR ART". Copies of FIGS. 14 and 15 are enclosed showing the proposed changes.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Please delete the first paragraph starting on page 10 of the specification, and replace with the following paragraph:

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An improved shielded connector **R** constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention is illustrated in FIGS. 1-14 and in the embodiment shown, a "DIP" (Dual-In-line Process) type electrical connector of USB (Universal Serial Bus) style is illustrated as an example of a connector to which the principles of the present invention may be applied. The connector shown is one that is intended to be mounted on a substrate, such as a circuit board (not shown). As illustrated in FIGS. 1-3, the shielded connector **R** is provided with an inner insulated housing for supporting one or more conductive terminals or contacts 1, and a metal shell 20 for overlying the outer surface of the connector housing to thereby shield the terminal 1. The metal shell 20 includes a front frame panel portion 22 that defines an opening 21 in the shell 20 and the connector **R**. This opening 21 receives a portion of an opposing plug connector **P**, such as the one shown in FIG. 16. The front frame portion 22 can be seen to entirely surround the opening 21.

✓ Please delete the last paragraph starting on page 12 of the specification and continuing through to page 13, and replace with the following paragraph:

R²

The metal shell 20 is formed after it is stamped out of a suitable metal blank by bending it. The metal blank 20A is illustrated in plan view in FIG. 10. It can be seen to include a plurality of panels that are integrally attached to each